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KATHMANDU FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER

SUBJ: MINH AIDE ALLEGES AMBASSADOR BUNKER OFFERED AID

1. BUI NHUNG, AN ASSOCIATE OF ERSTWHILE PRESIDENTIAL CHALLENGER DUONG VAN MINH, IS CITED IN THE VIETNAMESE PRESS OCT 20 AS CHARGING THAT AMBASSADOR BUNKER AUGUST 19 HAD PROMISED MINH 300 MILLION PIASTERS FOR HIS CAMPAIGN IF HE AGREED TO STAY IN THE RACE. NHUNG REPORTEDLY STATED "I WANT TO EXPOSE BUNKER'S MANEUVERS TO PERSUADE GENERAL MINH TO STAY IN THE RACE, SO THAT THE ELECTION WOULD LOOK DEMOCRATIC AND PRESIDENT THIEU'S ELECTION WOULD BE GLORIFIED."

2. NHUNG ALSO CHARGED THAT AMBASSADOR BUNKER HAD PERSUADED THE SUPREME COURT TO POST THE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SECOND TIME EARLY, SO THAT MINH COULD NOT LEGALLY WITHDRAW, BUT THAT MINH HAD AVOIDED BEING CAUGHT BY WITHDRAWING QUICKLY, AT 8 AM THE DAY FOLLOWING HIS TALK WITH THE AMBASSADOR.

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EM NHUNG MADE THESE REMARKS TO NEWSMEN AS HE APPEARED AT THE SUPREME COURT OCTOBER 19 TO ARGUE HIS CASE FOR THE ILLEGALITY OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

4. COMMENT: NHUNG'S REMARKS REPRESENT A REVIVAL OF EARLIER ACCUSATIONS.
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